National Science Foundation grant to aid underrepresented students in STEM program

BY ALLISON FARRÉLL
News Reporter

In the course of the next few days, the University of Rhode Island’s Collaborative for Explorations in Mathematics and Sciences will begin awarding scholarships from a $638,559 grant awarded by the National Science Foundation (NSF).

The Scholarship Program to Increase Numbers and Strengthen the Workforce in Technology and Mathematics (SPIN+) was awarded to the university by the NSF in February with the intent to support and attract underrepresented groups to science, technology, engineering and mathematical (STEM) disciplines.

In order to obtain this grant, which is intended to improve performance and retention rates for minorities in need of financial assistance, interested in STEM disciplines, a team of professional investigators (PIs) were established by computer science and statistics chair and Collaborative for committee member Joan Peckham.

“Our goal is to improve the learning outcomes of people who are taking these courses,” Peckham said. “There is so much unmet need in the industry right now. There are so many jobs available as there are students right now in these disciplines, so we’re hoping that this will help the URI Foundation raise scholarship money from industry to continue what it is that we’re doing.”

Peckham, along with co-PIs, mathematics professors Nancy Eaton and Jessica Libertini and engineering professor Yan Sun submitted a proposal to the NSF in August 2012. When they received the grant this past February, they began working to create a support system for incoming minorities to STEM disciplines that would be receiving the scholarship.

“In general we have a shortage of majors in these areas but we have a really serious situation of underrepresentation of women and other minorities and so we identified that we would look at minorities such as African Americans, Pacific Islanders and Hispanics,” Peckham said. “We have to work really hard to attract students and keep them and encourage them to stay in college and continue to get a degree in STEM disciplines.”

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Rhody baseball beats BC, extends win streak

BY JONATHAN SHIDELER
Sports Staff Reporter

The University of Rhode Island baseball team (19-17) pushed its win streak to four in a row Tuesday afternoon as the Rams defeated Boston College 2-1 in extra innings.

“Coming off the sweep at Fordham [last weekend] it was huge to keep the momentum going with another win,” Senior Kevin Stohnhouse said.

In the first inning Tim Caputo singled and then stole second to put himself in scoring position. Senior Mike LeBel then singled to left field that scored Caputo to give the Rams a 1-0 lead. LeBel went 2-4 with a double and one RBI in the win; the senior has now gone 5-13 with six RBI in his last three games.

With Junior Milan Mantle "mound the bottom of the first started off a bit rough. A throwing error from LeBel allowed BC’s lead off batter to reach second base. Mantle then hit the next batter, and threw a wild pitch to the following batter. Matt Paré tied the game for BC with a single, junior John Hennessy then grounded into a double play that drove in a run to give BC a 2-1 advantage.

After reaching on a fielder’s choice in the top of the second inning junior Joe Landi scored from second on a two-out single off the bat of junior Jeff Boy to tie the game 2-2.

“When you let up a lead you always want to get it back,” Mantle said. Continued on page 7

Rhody pic of the day

On Monday, men sported high-heels for Walk a Mile in Her Shoes, an event where men, women and children walk to stand up against rape, sexual assault and violence towards women.

Student Senate approves recognition of five groups

BY JACOB MARROCO
Staff Sports Reporter

The University of Rhode Island Student Senate recognized five new groups on campus during their meeting Wednesday night.

The Rotaract Club is an official partner of Rotary International, an organization that aims to provide numerous types of service worldwide. Rotaract will also promote leadership and professional development and have already planned a clean-up for next week. The group has 20 active members and encouraged all interested students to join.

The Sojourn Collegiate Ministry is a Christian organization that aims to create a community for religious and non-religious students to do service and charity work. Sojourn is also a forum in which any members can speak freely and ask questions on any topic they desire. Sojourn has already partnered in a Field Day fundraiser and would like to travel to San Diego, Calif. next year to help with Habitat for Humanity work.

“We’re about creating relationships, doing events and creating a space for students who are non-religious or religious to come together,” sophomore president Sarah Bornesen said.

The Environmental and Natural Resources Economics Student Association (ENRESA) is designed to promote environmental sustainability and have worked closely with the Environmental and Natural Resources Department. ENRESA had those interested sign pledges for Earth Day to reduce their resource usage, such as taking shorter showers or riding the bus in exchange for items such as lettuce seeds.

Secular URI is an organization during provide a forum in which any interested students can meet to discuss culture, education, politics, science and other topics. The group, which currently has 10 members, will pursue URI professor to speak at their future meetings.

The final group recognized on the night was the Cultural Connections Club. The club pledged to promote diversity and encourage international students to participate in URI’s cultural events.
Everyone's favorite question

Katja Neves said she is "stressed out because I can't enroll in classes even with early registration. But glad it's almost over."

Christin Fernandez said she's "stressed. I have three finals on one day. That is not fair. Can't enroll in classes because I haven't paid my term bill. But happy it's almost over because I need a break."

Dan Swords said he "wouldn't say I'm stressed. The idea that summer is right around the corner, though, is not helping me get work done."

Spencer Donovan said he is "a little stressed out. Kind of wishing all the exams were spaced out better, because now you feel like everything is coming to a crashing halt at the end."

Ashley DiMeo simply said she is feeling "stressed."

"How are you feeling about the end of the year?"

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Journalists

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Ining tragedies of every probable unpleasantly, the body of knowledge that would guide effective and ethical reporting through April 4 seems to have been largely neglected.

The other harms hastily perpetrated involved reporting, even by news veterans that attempted to connect spurious evidence such as a Nerf gun which was found in a different room than where the incident occurred. These toys were being used in an outdoors-only and well-known student-run game called Humans vs. Zombies. This misinformation was planted into the expansive body of conflicting accounts of what factually took place in the class that allegedly encountered the shooter(s).

It was done because, in order to keep the officially refuted story in the news cycle, news people were forced by the corporate profit model to give the people what they believed they wanted: something sensational, like vague references to zombies.

With little regard for accuracy or truth, TV news stations aired interviews of apparently random students and presented to viewers as if they were reliable. In one instance, WPRO aired an interview with a URI student on the morning of April 5 who offered scant commentary other than her ill-will toward the Humans vs. Zombies game.

Other accounts will prove even more useless, considering that a great deal of students posed as involved or informed parties just to get their 15 seconds of fame. This was especially true following the end of the lockdown, when authorities announced that the non-existent shooter had been pure sensation and utter fiction, refuting hours of on-camera testimony from hysterical and believable “eyewitnesses.”

The media sensationalism expanded through the weekend, and the misinformation continued. Nerf guns, plastic guns, “I have a gun! I’m a nice guy,” and zombie tag and numerous other empty, damaging conclusions floated into the media sphere. Hardly anyone knows or believes the story anymore because the news media already sold off most of their credibility in order to bring out all of the wrong stories first.

And did anyone hear that a suspicious man was arrested the day before the lockdown by the South Kingstown Police at the Kingston Emporium with an arsenal of rifles in his truck?

Alex B. Kowalski (URI Class of 2013)

Victoria Antonelli (URI Class of 2013)

Mia Nguyen (URI Class of 2014)
URI ‘shooting’ shows how far behind we still are as journalists

What we’ve come to bear on numerous occasions is the critical need for education at the University of Rhode Island that our society is considerably troubled and cannot be bothered with vital information – chalking it up to elitism or blissful ignorance, or even a perfect hybrid of both. When complicity replaces curiosity and self-awareness of an informed American is neither recognized nor reinforced, it’s no wonder such troubling neurosis persists in our society.

As if we are aroused and consumed by medicity, we endorse and reinforce the media to perpetuate this metaphysical condition by simply watching and rarely questioning. This is perhaps part of what WPRO host Matt Allen calls “the putrid Rhode Island gene” – a germ that flourishes in our unique petri dish, incubated by unsophisticated and false news investigation, shoddy or lazy research and careless rehashing of unverifiable accounts, all coalescing to create a news culture that prove as substantial to the needs of Rhode Islanders as daily drips from TMZ and the National Inquirer, or the blog posts of a mommy blogger named “Tardar Sauce.”

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The flag of Boston, Mass.

It was 2:15 on Monday afternoon. I was in my apartment, enjoying a late lunch and watching Mike Napoli send Fenway Park into a tizzy with a walk-off hit to win the Red Sox’ day.

It was Patriots’ Day. The Sun was up. The Marathon was in full swing. The Sox had won. This is how the best Monday of the year is supposed to be.

Less than an hour later the cheers were replaced with tears. The joy and exultation of the best Monday of the year had been swallowed and regurgitated as the confusion and hysteria of the cruellest of nightmares. This isn’t supposed to happen. Not in this town. Not on this day.

As a native Bay State, it’s hard to describe how much the state anticipates Patriots’ Day. Try combining Christmas, Hanukkah, Super Bowl Sunday, and the first day of summer vacation: that’s Marathon Monday. School calendars are closed, families are together and the Red Sox are on at 11 a.m. As a kid there was no better Monday, and as an adult there still isn’t. Patriots’ Day is Massachusetts’ day. The race snaked through eight towns and cities, bringing out hundreds of thousands of fans and volunteers. It’s a 26.2-mile party. New Orleans has Mardi Gras; Boston has Patriots’ Day.

Then Monday happened. Three days later it still hasn’t sunk in. That a corps of miscreants could, or would, ever cause this type of chaos on a day as jocular as Patriots Day doesn’t seem real.

I cried. I screamed. I panicked when I couldn’t get through to friends in town (I did later in the day). There were no words.

The pain will linger, but Boston will survive. The degenerates responsible will be brought to justice, the town will dust itself off, and it will remain strong.

A day later the Sun rose. Boston was there. Two days later the Sun rose. Boston was there.

Patriots’ Day was Boston’s day. Patriot’s Day is Boston’s day. Patriots’ Day will always be Boston’s day.

No one can, or will, ever take that away from us.

The University of Rhode Island has a circulation of 5¢ times 3, a week during the academic year. URI students and volunteers could, or would, ever cause this type of chaos on a day as jocular as Patriots Day.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

‘Mad Men’ returns for sixth season with understated confidence, progressing acting

BY AUGIE KING
Entertainment Editor

When it comes to television talk, usually a similar crop of shows come up. Did you see that crazy battle on "Game of Thrones"? What do you think Walter White is going to do next? What going to be the dust next time on "The Walking Dead"? But I have to say, where is everyone’s love for "Mad Men"? The show about a 1960s advertising company always seems to slip through the cracks, and I don’t think it gets the attention it deserves. Sure it doesn’t have dragons, zombies, or drug dealers to “spice” things up, but in its own quiet and self-assured way, it’s arguably better than any of these much-talked-about shows. Sure, “Breaking Bad” reigns supreme, but still.

With the first three episodes of season six, as with those of every other season of the show, it is hard to gauge and judge them as individual pieces of the story. This is because “Mad Men,” unlike most other dramatic shows, is singularly character-and-theme focused rather than on traditional plot progression. There will be episodes where you think to yourself, “What actually happened here?” Usually a lot actually happened, it is just often times bubbling beneath the surface and stealthily foreshadowing future events or is purely a piece of clever symbolism.

So when the season premiere opens with Don Draper register to him as an "American Inferno," it’s not something that is placed there just because. Ever since the show began, there has always been an understated inner strive from him to be like Don. The problem is that he has become so accommodating, so polite and fine. He displays that more with his new mistress, and even more with the treatment he gives her when she comes to his house after her husband beat her. He deserved another good clock to the face, but Trudy’s hard stance that she wants a divorce was more than satisfying. That last scene between them really gives you a good look at just how good a dramatic actress here as she is a comedic one on "Community."

As I said before, it’s hard to get a read on where things will go with a show like this that doesn’t adhere to an established plot structure, though I think it’s safe to say darker things lay ahead. We already get a hint at this with Betty’s search for Sally’s friend in a rundown hippie house. If I’m not mistaken it’s the first time one of these characters has become exposed to others living in less fortunate circumstances, and how the cultural norms they were born into are going through significant changes with the new generation. Don himself could possibly go through some more change too, with the loss of his lighter giving him a bit of a shock as a photographer says, "I want you to be yourself." Little does this man know that Don hasn’t actually been himself for many years, and lives under an illusion that threatens to break at any point.

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Arts & Entertainment

"Scary Movie 5" one of worst of year

BY ADAM HOFFSTEIN
Entertainment Writer

I think I may have giggled once or twice during the beginning of "Scary Movie 5." I spent the rest of the movie holding back a huge stream of vomit. Since I had brought my laptop into the theater with me, I didn't exactly want to get it all disgusting and messy. Otherwise, I wouldn't be able to play " Bioshock Infinite." Otherwise, I'd have to pay full attention to the horror that is " Scary Movie 5.

Okay, so I know it sounds like I'm exaggerating, but I really didn't care for the fifth installment in the "Scary Movie" series. Aside from the brief cameos by Charlie Sheen and Snoop Dog, this movie was the theatrical equivalent of a terrible virus. It wasn't really the fact that the scenes were arranged in a completely arbitrary manner. Nor was it Ashley Tisdale's depressing career move that made this movie so rest. Even the blatant racism and poop jokes in "Scary Movie 5" paled in comparison to the putrid smell of a dying movie franchise that permeated the whole film.

Unlike the previous "Scary Movies" where at least you could tell that the writers put some effort into trying to be funny, every joke in "Scary Movie 5" is incredibly half-baked. Plus, all the movie references were painfully old. Really guys, you're going to make an "Inception" joke in 2013? How trendy. Equally confusing was the writer's decision to parody "Black Swan." Why? Did you run out of horror movies to make fun of? "Black Swan," in addition to coming out several years ago, was intended for a mature audience. If you're marketing a film for young teens, what is the point of parodying a movie that your target audience has likely never heard of? Beats me. I guess if you're making a movie purely for the sake of raking in cash, it doesn't really matter.

Then again, if you're trying to make your movie as marketable as possible towards a wide audience, what's the point of making it extremely racist? Sure, the previous "Scary Movies" had some bits of off-color humor (namely the part where the Eminem wannabe accidentally wears a klu Klux Klan outfit), but they were at least kind of funny. From what I could see through the palm of my hand, the racist jokes in "Scary Movie 5" went a little too far. You're going to go around comparing black people to apes? How clever. The running joke with the Mexican housekeeper was also pretty bad. If I learned anything throughout this entire movie it was that racial stereotypes are really, really stupid. I'm pretty sure John Ford movies were more culturally sensitive than this one.

Anyways, enough of the negatives I've got. Let me focus on the positive aspects of this movie. Well, for one it was only an hour and 25 minutes long. That's what IMDb said at least. I can't be too sure though because I actually walked out about three quarters through after my laptop ran out of power and I had to pay full attention to the film. Seriously though, do not watch "Scary Movie 5" unless you want to ruin your whole day and lose faith in humanity.

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well being of the state," Peckham said. "If we have more...potential employees in these areas it will help the states economic development."

Currently, the Collaborative is waiting to hear back from three other NSF proposals to address undergraduate instruction and K-12 education in STEM disciplines.

"I just hope more students will choose to take STEM courses regardless of their major," Peckham said. "If you listen to [the] speeches that Obama gives and you listen to people in congress everyone is concerned that we do not have enough students in these [STEM] disciplines."

Baseball
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back as soon as you can," Head coach Jim Foster said. "We've done a good job lately making sure we got runs and get the lead back when we need to."

Mantle pitched until the fifth inning, he then handed the ball over to senior Rob Curran. Curran went on to pitch four scoreless frames that helped the Rams force extra innings.

In the top of the tenth inning, senior Kevin Stenhouse singled to right field to put the go-ahead run on base for Rhody. A sacrifice bunt from LeBel allowed Stenhouse to move into scoring position. Freshman Connor Foreman then singled which moved Stenhouse to third base. Stenhouse would then score on a past ball to give the Rams the 3-2 lead going into the bottom of the tenth.

The Rams closer Bobby Dean had a 1-2-3 inning with two strikeouts to pick up his seventh save of the year. Everything seem to come together nicely in the Rhody win as the Rams out-hit the Eagles 12-4 and the three Rams pitchers allowed no earned runs and struck out nine BC batters.

"It was nice for our guys to rack up a bunch of hits and our pitchers to keep throwing as well as they've had most of the year," Stenhouse said.

This weekend the Rams host Temple University for a three game series in hopes to continue their run to the top of the Atlantic 10 baseball standings. Game one will be Friday at 3 p.m., game two will start Saturday at 1 p.m. and the series will conclude on Sunday at noon.

Golf
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28th, respectively, at the championship. Fayerweather began the competition +3 on Saturday but shot a +8 on Sunday for a total of 155. Ray shot a +5 on the first day of play, which was good for his second-lowest score on the season. He finished the tournament two strokes behind Fayerweather at 117.

Rhode Island continues their spring season at the Century Intercollegiate Tournament at the Century Country Club in Purchase, N.Y., this Saturday and Sunday. The Rams took first place at the Century Intercollegiate Tournament last season with a total of 600 shots and Chioroka took the individual title.

"The win last year was a big breakthrough for us, and to win a tournament is great but to defend a title is better in some ways," Burke said. "We love the golf course and our guys worked really hard in the weight room since last October. We hope the improvements we made and our hard work pays off."
Rhody SPORTS

Rams women's rowing swept by Brown

BY JACOB MARROCCO
Sports Staff Reporter

The University of Rhode Island women's rowing team was swept in four races by ninth-ranked Brown University this Saturday at the Seekonk River in Providence.

The regatta marks the first time this season that the Rams' varsity-eight boat has lost and Rhode Island was not able to come within 11 seconds of the Bears in any of the contests.

"There are a lot of positives we can take out of the weekend," Rhode Island head coach Shelagh Donohoe said. "It's always good to get a reality check on your speed and I think Brown is one of the faster teams in the country. I think we have a good idea of where we are."

The varsity-eight boat, led by senior Anne Mulholland, sophomore Chloe Beach, sophomore Chelsea Edwards and junior coxswain Lindsay Stephenson, senior Kris Hudak, started off the first day of play by senior Anne Mulholland, senior Ari Wakeman, sophomore coach Shelagh Donohoe said.

Rams, though, at 6:09.61. Rhode Island women's rowing team is the second series is disappointing, but we are able to come within 11 seconds of the Bears and there's going to be six boats racing at once. It's a great prep for the Atlantic-10 Championship so I think that's going to be really good for us."

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"We actually thought the varsity-eight boat raced well," Donohoe said. "A lot of schools lose to Brown by 10 seconds, so it's not like it was so far off the mark. I think that they did race well and I think it shows how much more speed we can get."

Junior Siobhan Norton, junior Alyssa Goff, freshman Quin Snyder, sophomore Hannah Milam and freshman coxswain Avery Cohen led the Rams' A-boat to a second-place finish in the varsity 4+ race with a time of 7:31.79. Sophomore Michelle Forte, Jess Bergen, Allison Zolnowsky and Liz Swain and freshman coxswain Carly Amurao were able to clinch a third-place finish in the B-boat for Rhode Island after clocking in at 7:43.21.

The Rams' C-boat, led by freshmen Lily Herberger, Alissyn Arenzon, Elizabeth Shadle, Cara McEachern and sophomore coxswain Kendija Bien-Aime, grabbed fifth place with a time of 8:36.18.

Rhode Island's third varsity-eight boat finished 33 seconds behind the Bears in their finish of the day. Sophomore Melissa Kianie, sophomore Mary Estrada Madden, junior Brittany Diamond, junior Mary Toth, sophomore Rhianna Bozzi, freshman Abbey Miklitisch, freshman Skylar Wright, freshman Megan Rudkin and freshman coxswain Alissa Margraf ended with a time of 7:36.

The Rams return to action this weekend when they participate in the Clemson Invitational. This will be the first time Rhode Island has taken part in the event.

"We have to make sure we execute our own race," Donohoe said. "Going down to Clemson we're going to be racing against [about] 19 schools and there's going to be six boats racing at once. It's a great prep for the Atlantic-10 Championship so I think that's going to be really good for us."

Rhody softball drops two against Providence

BY EMILY JACOBS
Sports Staff Reporter

The losing streak continues for the University of Rhode Island softball team, as they were swept by in-state rival Providence College on Tuesday.

In the first game of the afternoon, the crowd witnessed a thriller. Providence took the early-10 lead in the bottom of the first. The Rams wanted no time tying up it, as they scored in the top of the second. The game would stay locked at one until the bottom of the seventh inning.

With the bases loaded and one out, Providence's pinch-hitter Sarah Kitterman hit a sacrifice fly, allowing Lauren Paeve to score the walk-off run. Rhode Island's Megan Congro made a diving catch, but was unable to recover and get out the at the plate.

"This is the second series where we have had a close game and lost it at the end," head coach Irin Layton said.

"It is disappointing, but we are making the games close and we will come away with a win," Providence controlled the second game, as they built a steady lead through the first two innings. The Friars scored two runs in both the first and second innings, too.

The Rams got on the board in the third inning scoring one run, which was followed by two more runs in the bottom of the third by Providence. The other run for the Rams came from a late rally in the top of the seventh.

"Providence's pitcher was really able to shut us down," Layton said. "We need to work on hitting the low-end pitch offensively."

Despite being swept, the Rams saw hitting from many players. Stacey Fox had three hits on the day. She singled in the opener, and then reached base twice in the second game with a double and a single. Emily Hendricks gathered the most stats of the day. She had two infield singles, one walk, one stolen base and one RBI on the day.

Olivia Hendricks crossed home plate the most on the day. She appeared as a pinch runner and scored. Emily Hendricks has appeared in 16 games as a pinch runner and has scored seven times.

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Rhody pic of the day

A University of Rhode Island women's club lacrosse player is chased by the opposite team during last weekend's game. On Sunday April 21, URI hosts the NEWLL East title games.

Golf takes second place in Division I championship

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The University of Rhode Island golf team finished second at the New England Division I Championship in Middletown, R.I., this past weekend.

Rhode Island had a two-stroke lead heading into Sunday's play, shooting a spring-best 295 as a squad. However, The Rams completed the competition with 600 total strokes, which was good for second place over Hartford University by two strokes, but 11 strokes behind first-place University of Connecticut.

"We're thrilled to have played so well on the first day," Rhode Island head coach Gregg Burke said. "We're disappointed we didn't play so well the second day because we put an awful lot of work into it. It's a championship we haven't won since 2005, so we're disappointed we didn't do better."

Junior Andrew Bien-Aime, grabbed fifth place for the Rams after hitting +3 on the first day and +1 on Saturday, which allowed him to finish tied for fifth-place overall out of 50 golfers on the par-72 course. Fiorenzano's 73 on the second day of play was his lowest of the spring season.

Senior Branden Chicorka finished tied with Fiorenzano for fifth place after shooting a +1 on Saturday followed by a +3 on Sunday for a total of 148. Chicorka was able to place in the top eight of all but one tournament in which he has participated this season.

"[Chicorka] came into the tournament with every expectation to win," Burke said. "I believe he's the best player in New England. He very much wanted to win it but it just wasn't his tournament. He's been playing extremely well but he just didn't play the way he's played most recently."

Junior Jared Adams achieved the second-best finish of his Rhode Island career after ending the competition in a tie for second. Adams shot for par on the first day, the best of any Rams' golfer. A +5 on Sunday brought Adams to a 149-shot total, which also gave him his best placing on the year.

Freshmen Nick Fayerweather and senior Jeffrey Ray finished 24th and